



## Military Surface Deployment and Distribution Command (SDDC)

### *598th U.S. Army Transportation Terminal Group*

## F A C T S H E E T

### UNITED STATES TRANSPORTATION COMMAND

The United States Transportation Command (USTRANSCOM), headquartered at Scott Air Force Base, Illinois, provides global air, land and sea transportation to deploy, re-deploy and sustain military forces to meet national security objectives.

**USTRANSCOM** is composed of three service component commands and headquarters staff; the Air Force's Air Mobility Command (**AMC**), the Navy's Military Sealift Command (**MSC**) and the Army's Military Surface Deployment and Distribution Command (**SDDC**).

The Military Surface Deployment and Distribution Command, headquartered in Alexandria, Virginia, is the overland lift component and primary seaport manager for USTRANSCOM. In addition to the headquarters, SDDC operates through two staff elements in CONUS and four Transportation Terminal Groups:

- Deputy Commanding General/ SDDC Operations (Fort Eustis, VA.)
- SDDC Transportation Engineering Agency (Newport News, VA.)
- SDDC 595<sup>th</sup> U.S. Army Transportation Terminal Group - Provisional (Kuwait)
- SDDC 597<sup>th</sup> U.S. Army Transportation Terminal Group (Military Ocean Terminal, Sunny Point, Southport, N.C.)
- SDDC 598<sup>th</sup> U.S. Army Transportation Terminal Group (Rotterdam, The Netherlands)
- SDDC 599<sup>th</sup> U.S. Army transportation Terminal Group (Wheeler Army Airfield on Oahu, Hawaii).

### 598th U.S. ARMY TRANSPORTATION TERMINAL GROUP

**Mission**— Plan and execute common-user water terminal and surface distribution operations within the USEUCOM and US CENTCOM areas of responsibility in order to deliver and sustain combat power required by the warfighter.

**On order deploy worldwide to conduct common-user water terminal and distribution operations.**

**Area of responsibility** - The 598<sup>th</sup> Trans Gp directly supports the areas of responsibility of the U.S. European Command (Europe, the Mediterranean and Western part of Africa), the U.S. Central Command (Middle East and the remainder of Africa), and part of the U.S. Joint Forces Command (Azores).

**Unit and detachments** - To accomplish our mission, three battalions, two companies, and seven detachments in eleven different countries provide necessary support. These include:

- **831<sup>st</sup> U.S. Army Transportation Battalion** in Manama, Bahrain; with Detachments in Kuwait, Iraq and Qatar.
- **838<sup>th</sup> U.S. Army Transportation Battalion** in Rotterdam, The Netherlands; with the 950<sup>th</sup> U.S. Army Transportation Company in Bremerhaven, Germany; the 950<sup>th</sup> U.S. Army Transportation Company in Ipswich, United Kingdom, the Rhine River Detachment in Mannheim, Germany and the Azores Detachment in Praia da Vitoria, Azores, Portugal.
- **839<sup>th</sup> U.S. Army Transportation Battalion**, in Livorno, Italy; with the Greece Detachment in Piraeus, Greece, and the Turkey Detachment in Izmir, Turkey.

### PORT OPERATIONS - ANYTIME, ANYWHERE

#### **SDDC's theater role & Responsibilities:**

- Single Port Manager and Port Operator

#### **SDDC 598<sup>th</sup> Trans Gp Core Functions:**

- Pre-deployment planning, - Host Nation Liaison, - ITV & Documentation, - Cargo Booking, - Container Management, - Port security planning & coordination, - Issues Port Call message, - Port Opening/Management, - Receives, stages & tranships cargo in the port, - C2 of Port Operations, - C2 of PSA.

### RECENT HISTORIC MOMENTS:

For Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom! SDDC's U.S. and host nation personnel working with many U.S. Army reservists moved more than 250,000 pieces (15 million square feet of cargo). This equated to over 60 vessels loaded in European ports and over 200 vessels discharged in the Gulf region.

After September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2001, the 598<sup>th</sup> proudly assisted with the sustainment of material in support of the ongoing global war against terrorism.

From 1995 till this day, the 598<sup>th</sup> Trans Gp has supported various port operations in former Yugoslavia in the deployment and redeployment of units participating in the Stabilization Force in Bosnia (SFOR) and KFOR, the Kosovo peace implementation force

During *Operation Desert Shield/Storm*, the 598<sup>th</sup> Trans Gp moved over 40,000 pieces of equipment of the U.S. Army 7<sup>th</sup> Corps from Germany to the Gulf area. We also shipped 200,000 tons of ammunition from Europe to Saudi Arabia.

The 598<sup>th</sup> participated in humanitarian relief programs for the people from the war-torn within the group's area of responsibility.

### How the 598<sup>th</sup> Trans Gp supports the operation in Iraq

The 598<sup>th</sup> Trans Gp is currently active in the rotations for operation Iraqi Freedom III from ports within Europe and in Southwest Asia.

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